(b) Only one so far.

(c) 3 months time has been given for the implementation of the fire safety measures.

Drug trafficking in Goa

97. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in The Times of India' of the 19th November, 1987 regarding large scale drug running and trafficking in narcotics flourishing in the coastal villages of Barodder taluka in Goa; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is well aware of the problem of drug trafficking in the country and has taken a number of steps to control this which include promulgation of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 which provides severe punishment for persons indulging in drug trafficking.

As per information received from Govt. of Goa it is not true that large scale drug trafficking is flourishing unchecked in the coastal villages of Bardez taluka in Goa. Government of Goa has taken a number of steps in this regard. Police have stepped up their drive against drug trafficking. Special Anti Narcotic cell has been set-up. Vigil on the foreigners has been tightened by the Police.

Assistance to powerloom Industry

98. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government provide any assistance to the powerloom industry in the country:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the assistance, financial or otherwise given by his Ministry to the powerloom industry in Uttar Pradesh during the past two years and also the assistance proposed to be given during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The formulation and implementation of schemes for the development of the powerlooms in States are being done by the State Government concerned. However NABARD privides refinance both for term loans and working capital to powerloom cooperative societies. IDBI also provides refinance. A scheme for establishment of powerloom service centres is under implementation to provide technical assistance to powerlooms and help in their technological upgradation and product improvement.

During 1987-88, a new powerloom service centre has been opened at Tanda, in addition to the centre already functioning at Maunath Bhanjan. The Uttar Pradesh Coop. Bank, Lucknow, is providing short-term credit to primary cooperative societies for working capital through District Coop. Banks under the NABARD Refinance Scheme.

Lathi Charge on Students of Delhi University protesting against Eve Teasing

99. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent unprovoked brutal lathi charge on and wrongful detention of about 300 students, including girls, who were protesting against the indifference of the authorities to an incident of eve-teasing and molestation of girl students in a DTC University Special by some students of a college;